

REMARKS:

- 1) Item 4) of the Office Action Summary indicates that "Claims 1, 10-12 and 14 is/are pending in the application". That omits the new claims 16 to 25 that were added to the application in the SECOND Preliminary Amendment filed on July 14, 2004. Thus, the claims actually pending in the application are claims 1, 10 to 12, 14 and 16 to 25. Note that the Second Preliminary Amendment also includes amendments of the written description. Please ensure that the Second Preliminary Amendment is entered.
- 2) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, please indicate the acceptance of the Drawing Replacement Sheets filed on July 14, 2004.
- 3) According to the PCT procedures, the original claims of this application were a direct literal translation of the foreign language claims of the PCT International Application. The translated claims have now been amended in an editorial manner to streamline the terminology, avoid improper definite articles, and improve the claim style for US purposes. These merely editorial amendments do not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration of the claim amendments are respectfully requested.
- 4) Referring to page 2 of the Office Action, the rejection of claims 1, 10 to 12 and 14 as indefinite under 35 USC 112(2) has been taken into account in the present amendment. The positive introduction and the antecedent basis of claim elements have been

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improved. Also, particularly, the defects asserted by the Examiner have been avoided. Please withdraw the rejection under 35 USC 112(2).

- 5) As there is no outstanding rejection of any claims, all claims should now be allowable in all respects.
- 6) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1, 10 to 12, 14 and 16 to 25, are respectfully requested.

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